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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** An arrangement for a spinning preparation machine having machine sides presenting at least one side region and one end region of the machine, the arrangement comprising:

machine supports for supporting the machine; and

a machine casing arranged along the sides of the machine and including casing elements attached to the supports, the casing elements being arranged to open up or close off openings in the machine casing so that free access is given to the at least one side region and the one end region of the machine.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the supports ~~comprises~~ comprise at least one vertical supporting element.

3. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the machine supports comprise two vertical supporting elements.

4. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the machine has a machine frame, and the two vertical supporting elements are attached to the machine frame.

5. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the supports further include at least one horizontal holding element.

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6. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the supports further ~~includes~~ include two horizontal holding elements.

7. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the two horizontal holding elements each have an end region attached respectively to the two vertical supporting elements.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 2 ~~5~~, wherein the at least one ~~holding~~ horizontal holding element is suspended from the at least one vertical supporting element.

9. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the at least one horizontal holding element comprises a two-arm lever.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the at least one horizontal holding element comprises a single-arm lever.

11. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 5, further comprising at least one traction element having one end which engages in the at least one horizontal holding element and another end which engages in the at least one vertical supporting element.

12. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 11, wherein the at least one traction element is one of a rod, pipe and a rope.

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13. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim ~~2~~ 5, forming a combination with a spinning preparation machine, wherein the at least one horizontal holding element is arranged in an upper region of the machine.

14. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 13, wherein the at least one horizontal holding element is arranged above the machine.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein the at least one traction element is arranged above the at least one horizontal holding element.

16. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 2, forming a combination with a spinning preparation machine, wherein the at least one vertical supporting element is arranged in one of an intake area and a discharge area of the machine.

17. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the at least one vertical supporting element comprises one of a pipe, a profile, and a support.

18. **(Original)** The arrangement according to the claim 5, further comprising at least one additional horizontal holding element attached to the at least one vertical supporting element.

19. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 18, forming a combination with a spinning preparation machine comprising a card having a chute, and wherein the at least one additional horizontal holding element carries a chute feed for the card.

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20. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the casing elements are doors.

21. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the casing elements are flaps.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the casing elements are attached to at least one of the at least one horizontal holding ~~elements~~ element and the at least one vertical supporting ~~elements~~ element.

23. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the casing elements are arranged to be at least one of rotatable and pivotable.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the casing elements ~~can be~~ are displaceable in a horizontal direction.

25. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 24, further comprising rails attached to the at least one horizontal holding element.

26. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 1 forming a combination with a spinning preparation machine frame, wherein the casing elements comprise doors and further including a fulcrum located in at least one of a lower region and an upper region of the machine frame about which the doors are pivotable.

27. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising spring loaded latch bolts for mounting the casing elements.

28. **(Original)** The arrangement according to claim 23, wherein the casing elements are rotatable or pivotable around at least one of a horizontal and vertical axis.

29. **(New)** An arrangement for a spinning preparation machine having machine sides presenting at least one side region of the machine, the arrangement comprising:

at least one vertical supporting element for supporting the machine;

at least one horizontal holding element for supporting the machine, the at least one horizontal holding element having a rail attached thereto; and

a machine casing arranged along the sides of the machine and including at least one casing element attached to the rail of the at least one horizontal holding element, the at least one casing element being displaceable along the rail in a horizontal direction to open up or close off openings in the machine casing so that free access is given to the at least one side region of the machine.

30. **(New)** The arrangement as set forth in claim 29, wherein the machine sides further present at least one end region of the machine so that free access is given to the at least one end region of the machine.

31. **(New)** An arrangement for a spinning preparation machine having machine sides presenting at least one side region of the machine, the arrangement comprising:

machine supports for supporting the machine, the machine supports including

at least one vertical supporting element; and

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at least one horizontal holding element; and

a machine casing arranged along the sides of the machine and including at least one casing element attached to at least one of the at least one vertical supporting element or the at least one horizontal holding element, the at least one casing element being rotatable or pivotable around a vertical axis to open up or close off openings in the machine casing so that free access is given to the at least one side region of the machine.

32. *(New)* The arrangement as set forth in claim 31, wherein the machine sides further present at least one end region of the machine so that free access is given to the at least one end region of the machine.